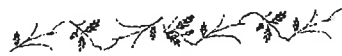


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ITS ADVANTAGES, BEAUTIES
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Our Object.



Every good undertaking of whatever nature should have prominently in sight the object for which it is commenced and carried forward. That we, therefore may be started aright in our own minds as well as to give our large circle of readers a right idea of the aims and purposes of this work, we dedicate the first page to an explanation. We live in the good old town of Stoughton; its streets and by-ways are ours to-day, among its many pleasant homes we count our own. We live in Stoughton happy and with a realization of the beauties and advantages which those enjoy who are so fortunate as to be counted among its inhabitants. We believe in the truth of the old saying that "to whom much is given of him will much be required," and again, we are not selfish in our love, and so it is that we come with this book to try in some measure to make a return for the bounty of Stoughton and to prove our unselfishness by telling abroad her advantages and proclaiming her goodness, so "that men may see her good works" and her influence may grow stronger and wider. Few towns indeed have the natural advantages of Stoughton and

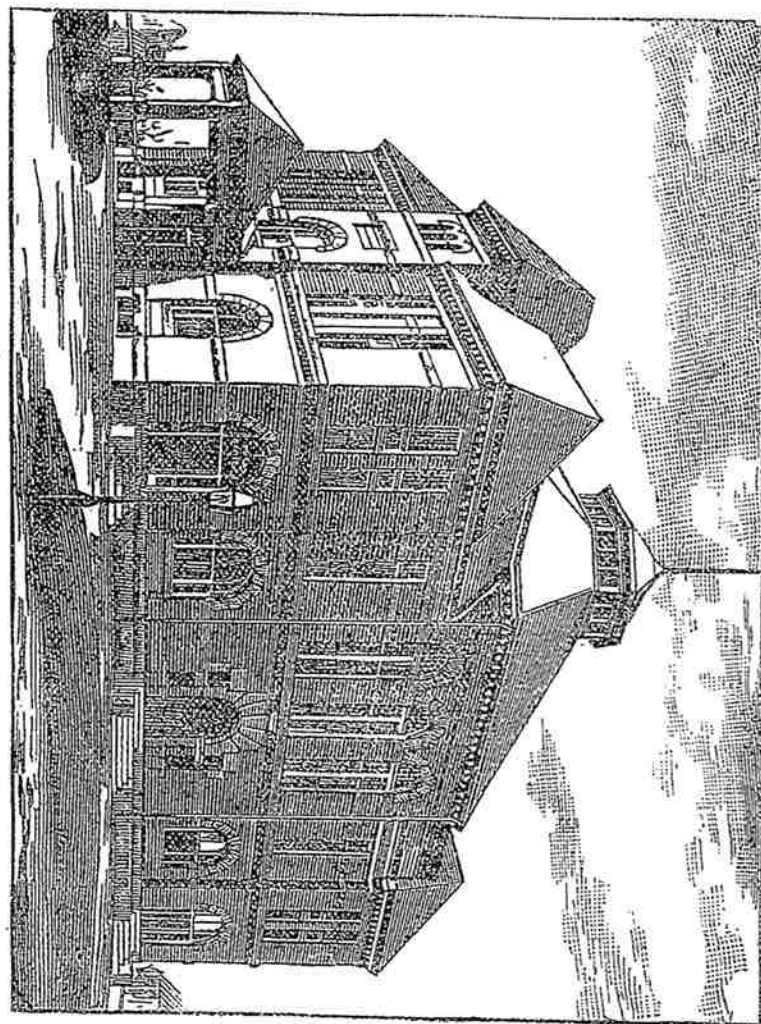
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fewer are making more of them. Her climate is exceptional, her situation central, her people social and her progress sure. If you are a resident of Stoughton our object is to increase within you that love and pride which we feel must already be there; if you are a stranger we want to set before you the town's attractiveness both for home life and for business in such a way as shall create within you the desire to become one of its citizens and to join us in our pleasant town work. Stoughton is bound to grow and to prosper. Our object is to help promote its growth and prosperity.



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STOUGHTON'S TOWN HOUSE. (See Page 18.)



Stoughton As It Is.



Take either the Boston and Providence or the Old Colony railroad trains from Boston and in from forty to fifty minutes you are landed on Washington street in Stoughton; by the former route you come via Canton Junction and land directly in town, or by the latter you take Mr. Atwood's coach and ride from the station about one mile to town. As you step on to Washington street, a glance up and down shows you a beautiful, broad street running north and south, lined with handsome buildings, and carefully graded, and skirted with fine concrete walks. Looking toward the north we see the nice new buildings belonging to Mr. H. W. Darling, Dr. W. E. C. Swan, and further down the elegant new Town House with its manifold conveniences, the pride and joy of the whole towns people. Washington street takes a turn near the Town House, forming with Pearl street a huge letter Y, the latter continuing straight ahead and the former diverging to the eastward. Down Washington street we find the large shoe manufactory of J. & H. Fitzpatrick, the commodious

Drake school house, the factories of Tenney & May and Reynolds Brothers, and many fine residences. From Washington street east run Lincoln street, one of our oldest thoroughfares; Monk street, with its lines of young maples, and also the site of the shoe factory of Farrell & Marston; Freeman, Porter, and Pleasant streets. The latter, rightly named, skirted with beautiful elms and the pleasantest resident street in town. We go up to the head of this street and find Messrs. Upham Brothers & Co.'s shoe factory in busy operation. Also on this street is the handsome Methodist church. We now go south on Washington street and find a division at the romantic Wales homestead, Washington street running to the direct southerly and Park continuing easterly. From Park run Seaver with its fine new concrete and Walnut with its residences and handsome high school house. On the west side of Washington street is the Congregational church with its towering steeple. The streets running from Washington street on this side are Brock, Railroad Avenue the way to the B. & P. depot, Wyman which leads across the railroad by the Masonic Block, past the site of the contemplated new depot, dividing into Morton and Perry streets, both pretty resident localities. Summer street also diverges from Wyman here and on it are some of the most important features of the town. The extensive works of the Mystic Rubber Co., the elegant residence of Mr. J. G. Phinney, the factories of Mr. John G. Phinney, counter manufacturer, and of Mr. G. F. Walker, last manufacturer,

making this a busy and attractive locality. Porter street is a street leading to Canton street which runs clear to the Canton line, including in its important tenants Messrs. French & Ward, the popular woolen manufacturers. School street runs west and is notable as the place of business of the great firm of Daniel French & Son, the Catholic church being farther down. This is the principal lay out of the center of the town, hastily sketched. At West Stoughton are many pretty ways and by-ways, among its principal manufacturers being Consider Southworth & Brother, A. Southworth & Co., and Southworth Brothers. On all these streets may be seen beautiful homes, well cared for and in excellent repair, beautifully kept lawns, freshly painted houses and a general air of thrift, and enterprise. You will find the shops busy places; you will find few loafers, many workmen; the happy home faces in a majority and you will exclaim with us as you pass from one street to another and see these pleasant scenes, "Here is my home; oh, would stranger this were thine?" Stoughton is progressive, her people are ready and eager to seize and take advantage of new ideas and measures of improvement. Her new buildings are models of attractive architecture, her streets are well laid out and cared for, her homes are pleasant. Public spirit and enterprise are in the hearts of the people of the town, and show themselves in the organization and support of such a Society as the Stoughton Public Improvement Society, the aims and objects of which are the benefit of the town. Surely you,

stranger, can find a place congenial to you here and you can come in with us and dwell with us, and will find here pleasant companionship, a happy people and an ideal home community. Some of our number have gone to other places, some to stay, some to return, but whether they go or return you will always hear from their lips a good word for old Stoughton.



A Historical Sketch.



"When but a little boy
I trod its sacred shade
In thankfulness and joy,
There I oft have played
My mother led me there
My father pressed my hand,
Forgive this foolish tear
But I love this Stoughton land."

Inside and on the southerly border of Norfolk county, touching the two neighboring counties of Bristol and Plymouth lies the ancient town of Stoughton, beloved by her people as a place of peace and comfort. Stoughton is bounded on the north by Canton, east by Randolph and Holbrook, south by Brockton and Easton and on the west by Sharon. Fifty years before the birth of the Nation the Great and General Court of Massachusetts Bay enacted a law for the incorporation of Stoughton. Taking its name from Lieut.-Governor William Stoughton, it included originally a much larger section than it at present embraces. The territory it comprised at the time of incorporation, together with a part of Wrentham, had in the year 1637, been allotted to Dorchester, and was known as the "New Grant" from that date until Dec. 1726, it was called the Dorchester

South Precinct. The town of Stoughton was incorporated on the 22d day of December, 1726, at that time Samuel Adams was but four years old and John Adams was not born. It included the present towns of Canton, Sharon and Stoughton, and nearly, if not quite all of Foxborough, and about one-quarter of Dedham. Among the conditions of incorporation were the providing of a learned orthodox minister and make provision for his comfortable and honorable support, and likewise to provide a school-master to instruct their youth in writing and reading. The Second Precinct, constituting what is now Sharon and Foxborough was incorporated July 2d, 1749, leaving what is now Canton and Stoughton as the old Dorchester South Precinct or First Parish. The first town meeting was held in Stoughton Jan. 2d, 1727, to choose Town officers and chose George Talbot one of the Selectmen and Assessors. Sharon and Foxborough were set off under the name of Stoughtonham June 20th, 1765. Canton was incorporated February 23d, 1797. In 1776 one hundred and forty-two persons were taxed in Stoughton. The town of Stoughton was active in the war of the Revolution and her people voted money and sent her best sons to fight for the cause of Independence, and rejoiced in the blessings which flowed from the realization of that great triumph. The history of Stoughton from the time of the Revolution down to the War of the Rebellion was that of peaceful prosperity, her inhabitants a peaceful, contented lot, within her borders contentment and order prevailing. The town grew and flour-

ished keeping pace with the development of the state and nation. Her system of public schools was established, the cause of religion was advanced, six churches within her borders contributed to the moral benefit of her people. The principal industry of the town became the manufacture of boots and shoes and it became known and has retained its reputation in later years as a "shoe town." In the war of the Rebellion the spirit of patriotism was early roused and developed. Among the first to volunteer for service to sustain the Government and put down the red flag of treason were the men of Stoughton, who at their countries call, left the plough in the furrow or dropped the hammer at the bench to shoulder the musket and take up the hardships of war. Stoughton contributed 522 men for the war, 15 of whom were commissioned officers. The whole amount of money expended exclusive of state aid, \$79,872 55. Her sons names may be found among the gallant ones who figured on many a bloody battle field and who suffered in prison pens and in the field. At the close of the war the business of the town returned to its normal quietude and the peace which the country enjoyed spread over Stoughton its mantle. In 1867 Stoughton became the terminus of the Stoughton Branch Railroad, the line to North Easton being discontinued, consequent on the building of the Fall River Branch of the Old Colony Railroad. The Old Colony also skirted the easterly border of Stoughton, thereby giving the town the benefit of increased facilities for communication with Boston, Taunton, Fall River, New-

port, New York and the West. In the Spring of 1879 the town was visited by a destructive conflagration. Nearly the whole area of land lying between Railroad avenue and Wyman Street was devastated. The loss was a heavy one to the town, many of the valuable ancient records being destroyed. At a town meeting held in a tent it was voted to erect a new town house and in a short time an edifice was erected which compares favorably with any in the vicinity. Washington street was widened and straightened and the appearance of the town much improved. The town to-day is in a most prosperous condition and the prospects for its future very auspicious.



Stoughton Has



Good government for all.

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Excellent schools for her children.

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The best conveniences for business.

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Well laid out streets and well graded sidewalks covered with concrete.

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A well directed system of public improvements under the special care of a society organized for the purpose.

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The highest land of any town bordering on her estate: Pinnacle hill being the highest point.

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A record among the best in the state for healthfulness.

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Many visitors in the summer who come from the city to enjoy her pleasant and healthful climate.

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A well equipped fire department with two steamers.

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Railroad facilities unsurpassed by any town in this part

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of the state, both with Boston, Providence, Fall River, New York and the West.

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Every advantage for a successful business career.

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A reputation for making the finest shoes in the market to-day. The Stoughton shoe is acknowledged to be a fine standard article. Not a cheap shoe is made in her borders.

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An elegant and useful Town House conveniently and well furnished.

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Five mails a day each way, connecting directly with Boston and New York.

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Over 5,000 inhabitants and is growing rapidly. Her increase in valuation the past year was over \$100,000.

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And has the desire to grow and prosper, and will.

